

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Gary S. Hahn and David O. Thueson  
Application No.: 09/992,491  
Filing Date: November 21, 2001  
Examiner: Yu, Gina C.  
Art Unit: 1617  
Confirmation No.: 9928  
Title: TOPICAL PRODUCT FORMULATIONS CONTAINING STRONTIUM FOR  
REDUCING SKIN IRRITATION

---

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, please enter the following remarks. The three-month period for response to the Office Action expires on February 28, 2007. Two new independent claims are added in this Response.

The total number of claims pending is now 65, with the total number of independent claims being 6. The total number of claims previously paid for was 65 total claims and 4 independent claims. Thus, it is believed that an additional fee for two independent claims is due in conjunction with this Response. Please charge the \$200 small entity fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(h) for these two additional independent claims and any other fees that become payable or creditable to Deposit Account No. 50-2785.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.